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Memorandum

Date: May 1, 2014
To: FaDSS Coordinators
From: FaDSS Program Managers
Re: FaDSS Eligibility – Hardship and SSI cases

This is a memo providing written clarification regarding who is eligible for the FaDSS program. This issue of eligibility was discussed recently at the FaDSS Coordinators meetings in March. Specifically, there was a question regarding the eligibility of FaDSS families who were receiving FIP as result of a Hardship exemption and left FIP. The question was whether or not a family could receive FaDSS services for three months post FIP (transition) after leaving FIP from a hardship exemption. In addition, this memo reminds Coordinators as to the eligibility of families for FaDSS when adults in the household do not receive FIP and are receiving SSI/SSDI benefits or are caretakers. To enroll in FaDSS families must be mandatory participants in Promise Jobs.

Hardship Cases

Clarification: Effective with the date of this memo, FaDSS families who are receiving FIP as a result of a hardship exemption and leave FIP for any reason shall be able to receive FaDSS services for a period of not more than three months after their FIP has ended. Reasons can include having an LBP, becoming employed, voluntarily left FIP, etc.

SSI/SSDI and Caretaker Cases

Definition: SSI/SSDI - Families where no adult family members are receiving cash benefits from the Family Investment Program (FIP) and are not mandatory participants in the PROMISE JOBS program. This includes families where the parent(s) are receiving SSI/SSDI benefits and only the children are receiving FIP.

Caretaker - This includes cases, where an adult, such as a grandparent, is taking care of children who are receiving FIP.

Policy: Families (as described above in **SSI/SSI and Caretaker cases**) are not to be recruited and enrolled in the FaDSS program.

Cases that begin receiving SSI/SSDI while on FIP and in FaDSS

Policy: In the instance where a family in FaDSS begins to receive SSI/SSDI, the FaDSS Specialist would need to begin the three month transition period with the family the same as

they currently do for families that cease receiving FIP because of increased wages. For instance, a family begins receiving SSI on September 25 but still receives a FIP check in October and ceases to receive FIP beginning November 1, the three month transition would begin November 1 and the family would need to be exited no later than January 31.

Please contact your assigned FaDSS Program Manager with any questions.